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Re: DGP SIEE for your review and approval

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Dennis Durbin <ddurbin@usaid.gov>

Tue, Jun 18, 2013 at 8:40 PM

To: Adam Schmidt <aschmidt@usaid.gov>

Cc: Trevor Hublin <thublin@usaid.gov>, Nihani Riza <nriza@usaid.gov>, "Rasiah, Ivan (USAID/COLOMBO/ HA)" <irasiah@usaid.gov>, Winnie Lau <wlau@usaid.gov>, Sonali Thahir <sthahir@usaid.gov>, Mary Ackley <mackley@usaid.gov>, Shohreh Kermani <skermani@usaid.gov>

Adam,

The MENACAFEP project, as described, qualifies for Categorical Exclusions pursuant to 22 CFR 216.2(c) (2)(i) Education, technical assistance, or training programs except to the extent such programs include activities directly affecting the environment. The program is covered under the Programmatic IEE for the Development Grants Program 2008-13. This email constitutes verification of the applicable categorical exclusion to the proposed project. No further environmental review is required provided that the project remains within the scope of the indicated categorical exclusion. A copy of this email should be kept in the project file.

MENACAFEP's activity, "Strengthening of children/Persons with Disabilities in the Eastern and Central Provinces in Sri Lanka" falls under Sub-Project Purpose 1 of the DGP PAD. Sub-Project Purpose 1 seeks to *'strengthen service providers treating and providing functional support to those affected by trauma and Persons with Disabilities'*. Specifically, this activity will provide education and community based rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities and promotes social inclusion through strengthening of disabled people's organizations to address their needs and concerns within the community.

Dennis Durbin

Bureau Environmental Officer, IDEA

On Tue, Jun 18, 2013 at 7:58 AM, Adam Schmidt <aschmidt@usaid.gov> wrote:

Dear Dennis,

The Sri Lanka Mission is programming 2009 and 2010 DGP funds. At this time, according to our DGP colleagues, all Agency earmark requirements for these funds have been achieved, therefore, there is flexibility to reprogram into other areas. In fact, we have already done so with a number of agreements already in the implementation phase.

The Mission in consultation with LSD/IDEA and the Asia Bureau has reprogrammed these DGP funds to the following sectors: (1) Health; (2) Social and Economic Service and Protection for Vulnerable Populations; (3) Agriculture; (4) Economic Opportunity; (5) Conflict Mitigation and Reconciliation; and, (6) Civil Society.

Under the MENACAFEP proposed agreement it will be funded under number (2) Social and Economic Service and Protection for Vulnerable Populations.

Please let us know if you have additional questions. We hope to receive your clearance shortly.

Best regards,

Adam Schmidt
A/Director, Program Office
USAID Sri Lanka

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From: **Dennis Durbin** <ddurbin@usaid.gov>
Date: Thu, Jun 6, 2013 at 8:52 PM
Subject: Re: DGP SIEE for your review and approval
To: Nihani Riza <nriza@usaid.gov>
Cc: Andrei Barannik <abarannik@usaid.gov>, Mary Ackley <mackley@usaid.gov>, Winnie Lau <wlau@usaid.gov>, Ivan Rasiah <irasiah@usaid.gov>

Hi Nihani,

Would you consider these activities to be under the Democracy and Governance sector of the DGP program? The current DGP program actually only covers activities in the sectors listed below. (The new agreement is broader). I think it would be a Democracy and Governance activity and would make sure I include that in the write up. (Note that while DGP approved Catex activities don't need a separate IEE document, I still need sufficient detail to verify the threshold determination.) I think it qualifies for the Dem and Gov sector and if you get back to me on that, I'll send you an email approval.

1. WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT
2. MICROENTERPRISE
3. WATER
4. DAIRY
5. DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE: CIVIL SOCIETY CAPACTIY FOR DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES
6. ENVIRONMENT

On Thu, Jun 6, 2013 at 7:23 AM, Nihani Riza <nriza@usaid.gov> wrote:

Dear Dennis,

The attached SIEE for the DGP grant "Strengthening of Children/Persons with Disabilities in Eastern and Central Provinces of Sri Lanka", is recommended for a CE determination under the DGP PEE. We kindly request your approval and confirmation of a CE threshold for this project.

Although this document was already prepared in the SIEE template, we have noted your recent advise that in future, projects with activities falling under the CE threshold of the PEE will not require additional environmental review and only requires email confirmation of CE determination.

Thank you,
Nihani

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From: **Andrei Barannik** <abarannik@usaid.gov>
Date: Tue, May 28, 2013 at 1:21 PM
Subject: Re: Reminder: SIEE for your review and approval
To: Nihani Riza <nriza@usaid.gov>
Cc: Ivan Rasiah <irasiah@usaid.gov>

Nihani - reviewed - edits are in the attached - please have the clean copy duly signed in the Mission, put "concurring by e-mail" on REA/Asia, Middle East & OAPA line and send it to Dennis Durbin, BEO/ODP/DGP for his review and approval. BR,
Andrei

On Tue, May 28, 2013 at 1:15 PM, Nihani Riza <nriza@usaid.gov> wrote:

Hi Andrei, a kind reminder regarding this SIEE.

Thanks!

Nihani

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From: **Nihani Riza** <nriza@usaid.gov>

Date: Thu, May 16, 2013 at 4:50 PM

Subject: SIEE for your review and approval

To: Andrei Barannik <abarannik@usaid.gov>

Cc: Mary Ackley <mackley@usaid.gov>, Winnie Lau <wlau@usaid.gov>, Ivan Rasiah <irasiah@usaid.gov>

Dear Andrei,

Please find attached the draft SIEE for the DGP grant "Strengthening of Children/Persons with Disabilities in Eastern and Central Provinces of Sri Lanka", for your review and approval please. All activities fall under the Categorical Exclusion threshold.

Best,
Nihani

On Thu, Apr 25, 2013 at 11:11 AM, Rasiah, Ivan <irasiah@usaid.gov> wrote:

Hi Nihani, Sorry for the late reply. I was in the field last three days. Please find the attached revised SIEE for Mencafe with your suggested changes. Through this project we don't plan to do any soft of livelihood or any other type of direct assistance for PWDs. Bigger portion of the budget will go towards the salaries for teachers at two centers and rest will be used for the DPO development and job placement programs for disabled youth.

Thanks

Ivan

On Tue, Apr 23, 2013 at 5:19 PM, Riza, Nihani <nriza@usaid.gov> wrote:

Hi Ivan,

Sorry I was not able to get back to you on this sooner. Attached is the reviewed SIEE with a few suggested changes and a comment I hope you can clarify. It does sound like we can request for a Categorical Exclusion, but I would like to know more about what kind of technical assistance and

institutional capacity building will be provided to increase employment and economic opportunities (Activity 3)?

Thank you!
Nihani

On Tue, Apr 16, 2013 at 3:27 PM, Rasiah, Ivan <irasiah@usaid.gov> wrote:

Hi Nihani,

Please find the attached SIEE for MENCAFEP disability support grant for your review and approval. Please let me know if there is any additional information you need to clear this. I recommended CE for all the activities since all the activities fall under either educational or technical assistance. There is no direct livelihood assistance or any other type of construction related activities involved in this grant.

Thanks

Ivan

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